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Rotary Buzzer

IS THERE A FUTURE DG IN THE HOUSE?

November 13
Board Meeting-BVB at
5:15

November 15
Dr. Jim Blessman, Jim
Riordan. Program Chair

November 22
Sue Gradoville, Middle
School Counselor
Eldon Hutcheson,
Program Chair

November 29
Lisa Mount, Program
Chair

December 6
Bob Herrick, Program
Chair

December 13
Ken Curell, Program
Chair

December 20
TBA-Party?

December 27
No Meeting

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Andrew
Schroeder

RY Student Matej Vukic

Dist. Gov. Mike Ruby

RI Pres. Ian Riseley

Turns out the answer to that question is “yes”, but more on that in a bit! President Andrew welcomed everyone and shared that we were going to diverge from our customary order of business in order to be sure that we have adequate time for some important club business and to hear from our speaker, District Governor Elect Tom Narak.

Andrew did share that the next board meeting will be November 13th at Boone Valley Brewing and the next meeting of the Evening Rotary Club will be Monday November 20th at La Caretta (also starting just after 5:00 PM).

Centennial Project

Dave Cook share that our club’s 100 year anniversary will be May 1, 2019. Over the past months the Centennial Committee has been meeting to consider various projects that we might undertake to commemorate this milestone. The two that rose to the top were the establishment of a Rotary Higher Education Savings Program or the

development of a new Railroad themed entrance feature to be located at the NW corner of Highway 30 and Story Street. The committee recommended that we proceed with the entrance project for now which would involve restoring (sandblasting and repainting) a locomotive, tender, and passenger car to the corner and incorporating signage for Boone along with recognition for the club. Members voted on the two options that were presented and the committee will let us know the results next week. Thanks to the members of the Centennial Committee for all their hard work in investigating options for these projects.

Notices of Proposal for Membership

Joe Smith has been proposed for membership in our club. Joe is the administrator at Boone County Hospital. Leslie Dakin has also been proposed for membership in the Evening Rotary Club (which has already grown to around 12 members in a just a matter of months!)

Sergeant at Arms

Andrew recognized this month’s Rotary Anniversaries including Jane Hitsman (1 year), Andrew (six years), and Steve Dakin who hit the 42 year mark this month! Congratulations! George let the cat out of the bag that it was Vern’s birthday on Wednesday—there was just some question as to “which Vern” he was referring to (it turns out it really was “our Vern”!) Brian was happy that the High School’s production of the

Addams Family Musical sold out both nights last weekened and Isidro invited eveyone to come out to the DMACC Auditorium this Friday and Saturday night to see him perform as Rev. Arthur Humphrey in “See how they Run”! Break a leg, Isidro! Amy was “sort of” looking forward to her son’s soccer games in Kansas City—

Ride to End Polio

Please be sure to turn in any pledge forms for the Ride to End Polio. Also, Amy will be leading an indoor cycling class at the YMCA at 8:00 AM on Saturday the 18th if a group of Rotarians would like to get their miles in riding together! Amy has also pledged to match up \$100 raised by any Rotarians who participate in her class that day! The district goal is to raise around \$38,000 to help with the final push towards eradicating polio from the face of the Earth once and for all!

Sacred Heart Bench Project

Dave reminded everyone that the installation of the bench we are donating for the Sacred Heart Playground will occur on Friday (tomorrow) at 3:00 PM. 4-8 volunteers are needed to help with the project—mixing concrete and set the benches in the holes.

moreso after the final game was moved to 1:00 PM instead of 5:00 PM on Sunday. Lisa was looking forward to a great centennial project (that will occur during her year as our club president). Many members contributed happy dollars in recognition of Steve’s big announcement (more about that on page 2!)



Quote of the Week

What good shall I do this day?

This was the question that Benjamin Franklin had next to his "to do" list every day.



The Rotary Foundation—Dist. Governor Elect Tom Narak

In keeping with a tradition started by Paul Hellwege (who was district governor in 1954!), PDG Susan has continued to "invite" the District Governor Elect to visit our club in November during Foundation Month, and DGE Tom Narak was pleased to come and speak to our club. Tom was a longtime school superintendent in Alta, Indianola, and then West Des Moines and then worked as an education lobbyist the past six years for the School Administrators of Iowa. Tom did share that working with Rotarians is much more enjoyable than working with legislators! He also introduced his wife, Carol, who he has been married to for 47 years—noting that he used the money he got from selling his motorcycle to purchase her engagement ring (probably saving his life as a result as marriage is apparently a safer activity than motorcycle riding). Tom reiterated that local clubs are what drive much of the good work that Rotary achieves, but the Rotary Foundation allows clubs and members to leverage the good they can do "in the world". District 6000 is one of the strongest financial supporters of the Foundation (donating over \$400,000 a year) and our club has consistently been one of the strongest supporters of the Foundation within District 6000 (last year we had the second highest per capita giving at just over \$400

per member). Half of the funds contributed to the Foundation go to projects outside the district but the other half does help support projects within the district. Our club has receiving matching funds in the form of district simplified grants for projects including the benches we installed at Railroad Museum and the kitchen we supported at Crawford Hall. The Foundation is also the vehicle through which Rotarians have been able to support Rotary's polio eradication efforts. Thanks to DGE Tom for his great presentation!



District Governor Elect Tom Narak and his wife, Carol

DGE Tom Narak was not the only future DG in the house on Wednesday. Steve Dakin has been selected as the District Governor Nominee Elect which means he is in line to become our District Governor on July 1, 2020. Congratulations, Steve!

